



MONTEREY NEWS

JUNE 1991



TOWN NEWS

Alan J. Rilla, lawyer for former Police Chief Douglas Lyman, filed a civil complaint in Berkshire County Superior Court on May 6, charging that the Monterey Board of Selectmen had violated the open meeting law and asking that Mr. Lyman be reinstated. Mr. Rilla cited instances when the Selectmen met in secret to discuss the Lyman case without posting notices in advance or notifying the public.

During the May 6 meeting of the Board of Selectmen, Town Clerk Barbara Swann delivered copies of the various court papers to the Board. In a related matter, a group of townspeople presented the Board with a petition bearing the signatures of 185 Monterey citizens that requested the Board reconsider its "harsh" actions toward Mr. Lyman since he had not committed a crime. Selectman Matt Williams responded that the Board would take the petition under advisement. Mr. Williams also indicated that since a lawsuit has been instituted

against the Board of Selectmen, they would make no comment at this time.

On April 22, acting Police Chief Gordon Hamm met with the Board to discuss allegations of unauthorized use of the police cruiser. Former Police Chief Douglas Lyman wrote a letter of complaint to the Selectmen alleging that Mr. Hamm had used the cruiser to transport his children to the school bus stop. Mr. Hamm stated emphatically that he had never transported any members of his family in the cruiser and that he had always adhered to the Board's directive in this regard. His wife, Ann-Marie Hamm, stated that she transports the Hamm children to the school bus stop in her own vehicle; in addition, ten-year-old Ellen Hamm stated that she had never been in the police cruiser. The Board indicated that they felt the matter satisfactorily explained.

It was unanimously voted by the Board of Selectmen to appoint Gareth Backhaus acting Sergeant of the Monterey Police Department, effective May 1, 1991.



As a result of the town elections on May 4, 1991, Selectman Georgiana O'Connell was re-elected for a new three-year term. It was unanimously voted that Matt Williams serve as Chair of the Board of Selectmen for the next year. Additionally, it was unanimously voted that the three Selectmen serve as the Board of Health and that Matt Williams continue to serve as Chair of the Board of Health.

On May 13, several residents of Dowd Road in the Lake Garfield district attended the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to complain about an ongoing construction project by Nathan Ron. The residents allege that Mr. Ron has trespassed onto abutting property and removed soil, left large rocks in the road during the project making the travelled way impassable, and is creating an eyesore. The residents would like the road "put back into proper order" and the drainage ditches re-cut. The Board of Selectmen pointed out that Dowd Road is a private road and not under the jurisdiction of the town and advised the group to contact their lawyers. In addition, the Board referred the group to the Conservation Commission to look into the possibility of a violation of the Wetlands Protection Act.

Money for a tree donated from the proceeds of a cookbook sale has been handed over to Ann Moulton to select a spot and purchase a tree to beautify the playground area at Greene Park. She will confer with Tree Warden Roger Tryon and Randy Leonard of Mount Everett Landscaping to check on the location of the septic system and insure that the tree is planted an appropriate location.

Mark Mendel questioned the Board of Selectmen about whether someone is living in the old firehouse and reminded the Board that when the town sold the firehouse by public bid, it was on the basis that the building was not for habitation. Chairman of the Board Matt Williams responded that the owner, Walter Kaplan, had been contacted by the Board and stated that he is not living in the building. The Board again advised Mr. Kaplan that the building as it exists is not for habitation and that no occupancy permit has been issued for that purpose.

The following building permit applications were approved: David Markwood for the construction of a single-family house on Tyringham Road; Donald and Naomi Kickery for a screened-porch addition to their Pixley Road home; David and Paula Boyer for the

construction of a dormer addition to their Blue Hill Road home; David Driscoll for the construction of a new single-family home on Main Road; John Sellew and Anne O'Connor for the construction of a studio and porch addition to their New Marlboro Road home.

—Maggie Leonard

PLANNING BOARD NEWS

The Planning Board held its regular meeting on May 9 with members Wayne Burkhart, Joyce Scheffey, Elk Dempsey, and Maggie Leonard present. Wayne Burkhart was elected Chairman.

Richard Atwood of Kelly, Granger, Parsons and Associates presented the Board with a land survey for Lawrence Martin and Michael White. The Form A proposal shows 2.001 acres on Lot A and 4.195 acres on Lot B. The property is north of Route 57 and the new survey is to encourage the sale of Lot A, which has been made smaller. The Board approved and signed the plan.

Mr. Atwood then showed the Board a land survey for Lewis and Joyce Scheffey of Wellman Road. The Form A proposal divides the land with their house and barn on 10.642 acres and 600 feet of road frontage. The remaining acreage exceeds zoning minimums. The Board approved and signed the plan with Mrs. Scheffey abstaining from the deliberations due to conflict of interest.

Former secretary to the Board Maggie Leonard noted that since she is now a member of the Planning Board, the Board should advertise for a new secretary. Ms. Leonard was instructed to check with Town Clerk Barbara Swann for regulations concerning the advertising and hiring procedures.

Planning Board member Elk Dempsey informed the Board that he would be moving to New Hampshire in the near future and would be vacating his position on the Board. The Board discussed how to fill the upcoming vacancy and noted that interested parties should contact any Planning Board member or attend the next Planning Board meeting on June 13.

Chairman Wayne Burkhart asked members to think of future projects that the Board wishes to address. Various topics were investigating impediments to affordable housing such as flexible zoning and comprehensive zoning, possible changes in Department of Environmental Protection rulings, and to look into new sewage systems in the event that Title 5 becomes obsolete.

—Maggie Leonard

CHURCH NEWS

Hark! Good news!

The Monterey United Church of Christ Benefit Auction at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, June 29, at the Firehouse pavilion, provides us all with the opportunity to celebrate summer together and raise money for a worthy cause.

During the auction preview, from 11:00 a.m. until the auction starts, we'll have balloons for sale, as well as lemonade, popcorn, and a light lunch (catered by Mary Jane Barbato). Our variety of home-made desserts includes strawberry shortcake made from Milly Walsh's famous recipe.

Cheryl Hutto, whose first professional auction was held in Monterey to benefit the Energy Project, will preside as auctioneer.

Antiques include a quilt donated by The (Other) Little Store, a handcrafted icefishing lure donated by The Splendid Peasant Antiques, furniture donated by Bradford's, a two-person hand saw donated by Ray Ward, and a six-volume nature series courtesy of Second Thoughts Out of Print Books.

Ready to eat out? Embree's, Hillside, Martin's and the Roadside have each donated gift certificates for meals for two. We have a gift certificate from the Berkshire Coffee Roasting Company, too. If you'd rather "do it yourself," the cookbook from The Book-loft is just your cup of tea.

Don't start nibbling on the gift basket from Locke, Stock and Barrel until you've set the table with the placemats from Open House and created a centerpiece around the baskets donated by Gatsby's and Roadside. You might also want to indulge in the mystery gift from the Berkshire Coop Market, the 12-lb. cheddar cheese wheel from the Monterey General Store, or cash in the \$75 gift certificate from the Corn Crib.

But, if you eat all that food by yourself, you'll need the gift certificate for a new leather belt, donated by Leatherwoods, Ltd. Otherwise, you can trim up with tennis lessons from Priscilla Gulliver, or paddling a canoe (five hours on Lake Garfield donated by Kinne's Grove.)

Then it might be time to take advantage of a nutritional consultation session with Sarah Bingham, or indulge in a therapeutic massage or facial rejuvenation session from any of several local practitioners. A weekend class in traditional herbal healing methods or Saturday afternoon "Weed Walk/Tea Talk" with MaryKate Jordan might be fun, too.

If you feel you need more exercise, stacking a cord of firewood, delivered by David Markwood of Gould Farm, might be in order. Or, if you prefer walking your dog, then reward Fido with the \$10 gift certificate from Petcetera. The \$30 gift certificate from Herbert's Shoes will help you cradle your feet in comfort. A series of six sessions with Richard Zukowski can help make moving a treat, too.

On a less athletic but equally rewarding note, piano lessons with Kathy Reis, the needlepoint kit from Wonderful Things, and the needlework kit from Initially Yours all provide opportunities for productive leisure. The gift from the Snap Shop will help you immortalize your creation once it's completed. The plant from Ryan's Florist, or the hanging plant donated by Taft Farms would also make an attractive photograph.

And, if you find yourself abed, lying on a sheep pelt from Gould Farm can turn that experience into a luxury. You can indulge in further luxury with the Shalimar Bath Powder donated by Bill's Pharmacy.

This is just a sampling of the items and services available at the auction on June 29, courtesy of local businesses and individuals. There are lots of ways you can get involved in the auction, too. If you have an item to donate, time to help in the week before the event, or if you want to create one of the home-made desserts we'll have for sale, call Cliff Aerie (528-5850) or MaryKate Jordan (528-5557).

— MaryKate Jordan

A cheerful heart
is a good medicine,
but a downcast spirit
dries up the bonus.

— Proverbs 17:22

*Once in a while
we take God seriously
and find what fun
the enterprise can be.*

— Thomas John Carlisle

COME SHARE THE SPIRIT!

The Monterey United Church of Christ
Sunday Worship Celebration 10:00 A.M.
(childcare available)

MONTEREY WASTE LINES

That's the System

Another new container was added at the Monterey Transfer Station on April 6. We now can recycle a small but significant part of the plastic materials which find their way into our homes and businesses. So it seems like a good time to take stock of the efforts which our townspeople have made in the throw-away side of our daily lives. A decade ago we had slipped into the habit of tossing every unwanted thing into one container — "file 13," "*poubelle*," whatever you call it — and having someone take it to our open dump or send it to the big landfill.

We still send a lot of trash to the big landfills around Chicopee, Massachusetts. The Southern Berkshire Solid Waste District is working on the possibility of a co-composting plant to handle the next big percentage of our waste stream. But look at what we've done in the last year or two to improve our waste handling. If you're new or live only part time in Monterey, you may be surprised this spring when you come down to the Transfer Station and find that there's a place for at least six major materials which can be kept separate from your trash and sent for re-processing and re-use:

1. cardboard — goes into the MRF container with paper
2. mixed paper — everything larger than a half-sheet or so; into the MRF container with the cardboard
3. glass bottles — into the bottle & can side of the MRF container
4. metal cans — tin and aluminum cans and foil-type aluminum, goes into the bottle & can side of the MRF container
5. light metals — this is an important one; we can now even get rid of old appliances and wire scraps
6. plastic bottles — only bottle-type plastic goes here, but it's a start.

So there it is, no longer a dump in Monterey. We have a small but viable Waste Recovery System working for us in town. Your extra effort in sorting waste products of your household and business activities has helped reduce costs to the town and — more important — is helping to save resources and clean up our corner of the world. That's the system.

— Wayne Burkhart

PLASTIC RECYCLING UPDATE

The Monterey Solid Waste Committee is happy to announce that according to Robin Mallory, the Master Garbologist, who is implementing our plastic bottle recycling program, the program is going extremely well. She did ask that we stress the need to rinse out bottles. Bleach and other strong liquids left in bottles present a hazard for the people on her end.

For those of you who missed an earlier article on the subject, all plastic containers are required to have a number stamped on them, usually on the bottom. As the market for recycled plastics is just opening up, we can for the present recycle *bottles only*, marked with the numbers 1, 2, 3, and 5. As these numbers cover nearly all bottles produced, it will make a huge difference in what will now be recycled, as opposed to what we have been hauling off to the dumpsite in Chicopee. The Mallorys are busy investigating markets for other forms of plastic, and as these become available they will be added to the program.

Plastic Bottle Recycling (bottles only)

REMOVE AND DISCARD ALL CAPS (caps have different elements and cannot be recycled as yet)

RINSE THOROUGHLY (minimizes contamination from food and chemicals. Labels may remain)

CRUSH IF POSSIBLE (saves room)

NO MOTOR OIL, FERTILIZERS, GARDEN SPRAYS, ETC.

NO PLASTIC BAGS, YOGURT AND COTTAGE CHEESE CONTAINERS

• READ DOS AND DON'TS FACT SHEET (to ascertain what can and can't be recycled.)

We want to thank Bob Gatten at our transfer station for his help in dealing with this new program. We ask that everyone be very careful in your separating refuse for all the containers. Bob will conscientiously climb into them to remove contaminants, which is way beyond his line of duty. We ask everyone to match his conscientiousness when you separate at home.

We suggest that if you have questions to call Robin or Joe Mallory at 229-3442, or one of us. This program is of great benefit and a big step forward to in our ability to reduce the plastic waste stream. We thank all of you for your cooperation.

— The Monterey Solid Waste Committee
Wayne Burkhart, Chairman; Rudy Gero;
Joyce Scheffey and Linda Thorpe

Plastic Bottle Recycling

It's as easy as 1-2-3!!!

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL
THE MASTER GARBLOGIST
MONDAY - FRIDAY 6:30AM - 4:00PM
413-229-3442



Remove and discard caps!
Caps are often made from a different kind of plastic than the bottle!



Rinse bottles thoroughly! It is important to minimize contamination from food or chemicals! (Labels can be left on)



Crush bottles as much as possible!
Crushed bottles take up less space!



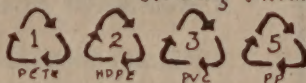
Place crushed bottles in a separate container at your local participating town transfer station!
ask the attendant if you're not sure where to put your bottles!



STOMP IT
(NO CAPS!)

Most plastic bottles will be accepted. Legislation requiring a stamped on code on the bottom of each bottled product has been passed in 27 states, but plenty of containers are currently uncoded and mysterious.

If the bottle in question has a



stamped on the bottom, it is accepted in the current recycling program. If there is no number, or it is too difficult for you to see it simply follow the guidelines below...

PLEASE RECYCLE THESE

ANY BOTTLE THAT CONTAINS A LIQUID THAT WE DRINK, EAT, COOK WITH, CLEAN WITH OR WASH WITH!

DRINK - Things like Milk Jugs, Cider, water, Soft drinks, Pepto Bismol, Ocean Spray, Cranberry juice, Gatorade,

EAT - Things like Honey, Vinegar, Salad Dressing, Peanut butter, Jelly, Mustard, Ketchup, Maple Syrup.

COOK WITH - Vegetable oil

CLEAN WITH - Palmolive Dish Detergent, Liquid Spic and Span, Laundry Detergent, Fabric Softener, Bleach, Floor polish, window cleaners

WASH WITH - Shampoo, lotions, Mouth Wash, Alcohol

NOT ACCEPTABLE

ANY BOTTLE THAT YOU GARDEN WITH THAT CONTAINS POISON, USED FOR MEDICAL PURPOSE, OR USED TO FIX YOUR CAR WITH!

GARDENING - fertilizers, Pesticides

MEDICAL - IV Bottles, hoses, syringes, pill capsules and pill jars.

AUTOMOTIVE - Anti freeze, motor oil, other lubricants.

Non-Bottle Plastics - Plastic Bags, Toys, Six Pac Rings, "styrofoam", Plastic Food Wraps, Plastic hangers, cottage cheese and yogurt containers, ice cream and cream cheese containers, Pens

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COMMUNITY TAG SALE

Saturday, June 15 9-4
Firehouse Pavilion, Monterey

Reserve a space — \$15
Tables — \$5 extra

See Gale at General Store
Sell Yer Stuff!

SPECIAL NOTES ON MONTEREY TRANSFER STATION

1991 BLUE DUMP STICKERS
CAN BE PICKED UP IN JULY

WEDNESDAY — 9:00 to 12

SATURDAY — 9:30 to 12

Stickers still cost \$40 (thanks to recycling)

WHITE GOODS: (LARGE APPLIANCES)
A permanent container will be in place for these items.

JULY 3rd, 6th and 7th ONLY
free to anyone with a valid dump sticker

FURNITURE DISPOSAL:
(BEDS, SOFAS, TABLES, MATTRESSES,
KITCHEN CHAIRS, TABLES, CABINETS, etc.)

The Selectmen have been sending letters to non-recyclers and those who leave their trash out of dump hours. Fines will be invoked for repeated offenses.

LITTLE LEAGUE BREAKFAST A ROARING SUCCESS

A Pancake Breakfast to benefit the Monterey Little League was held Sunday, May 19, and served 225 people. Proceeds from the breakfast will go towards new uniforms for the team. This was the first pancake breakfast that the team has attempted and coaches Leroy Thorpe and Dan Moulton were very happy with the huge turnout. Parent volunteers were somewhat unprepared for the number of supporters and rapid forays into surrounding general stores including Monterey, Southfield and Otis had to be made in order to procure more provisions. Both the team and parents would like to thank everyone for their patience; we know some folks had to wait for quite awhile for their flapjacks. Everyone learned a lot, and we're all ready for next year!

FIRE COMPANY NEWS

Anyone interested in donating items to the Fire Company to be sold at the tag sale on June 15 at the Firehouse pavilion should leave his or her name and phone number with Gale at the General Store. All proceeds will go toward our fund to pay our mortgage.

MONTEREY GRANGE NEWS

On April 25, thirteen members of the Monterey Grange visited the Senior Center in Great Barrington, where Worthy Master Tolitha Butler presented a check for \$200 (a gift from the Monterey Grange) to the Elder Services Transportation program. The Grange would like to thank all those who helped with donations.

Monterey Grange #291 met on May 1 for a patriotic program.

The Grange will enter the Berkshire Pomona Grange Exhibit. The entry was on display at the Post Office during Grange Week.

The Grange met again on May 15 for a health and safety program and visited the Plainfield Grange on May 17.

— Mary Wallace, Lecturer

Tolitha Butler of the Monterey Grange presents a check to Andrew Weeks of the Elder Services Transportation Corporation. At the right is Mary Wallace, Grange Lecturer.



MONTEREY NATURE WALKS

Two series of nature walks, led by Bonner McAllester, will be offered in June and July:

Children ages 3-5: *Tuesdays*, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
June 25
July 2, 9, 16, and 23

Children ages 6-12: *Wednesdays* 9:00-10:30 a.m.
June 26
July 3, 10, 17, and 24

The walks will begin and end at the church basement in Monterey. Children are asked to register for all five classes, as the five classes constitute a course in the natural history of Monterey.

The fee is \$15 per child, for five classes. Monterey Nature Walks are supported financially by the Town Park Commission and by the Monterey United Church of Christ Earth Day offering.

Call Bonner McAllester (528-9385) for information and to register. Classes are limited to the first ten who register.



ELEANOR KIMBERLEY

HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

The Historical Society opens its 1991 season with a meeting in the General Knox Museum at the Library at 8:00 p.m. on June 14. Susan LePrevost will share her knowledge of herbs, their historical uses, old favorites now out of favor and wild and those used for decorative arts. Susan will offer wreath-making in the fall at her home on Route 23 in town.

Our July 12 meeting will feature quilts and quilt-making, their history and present popularity. We would like the loan of quilts, old and new, from Monterey residents only, for a quilt show to run through that weekend. Please call Barbara Tryon, 528-0728, or Shirley Clute, 528-6888, for more information. This weekend will also offer a guided tour of the Konkapot River to visit old mill sites.

Finally, the Society is interested in obtaining memorabilia of Monterey's recent past as well as our far past. Any items that have historical value are welcome; for example, photographs, postcards, publications, deeds, ledgers, scrapbooks of town events, T-shirts, mugs, tiles, flags, etc. Keep us in mind when you spring clean!

— Barbara Tryon

OPEN HOUSE AT THE FISH HATCHERY

Berkshire National Fish Hatchery will host an open house on June 9 in recognition of National Fishing Week. National Fishing Week is an annual event sponsored by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service to promote recreational fishing and resource education.

Janice Rowan, the Hatchery Manager, has planned a full day of activities, including fishing clinics and talks on fishing gear, fish farming, and the effects of acid rain on fish.

All the events are open to the public free of charge. Visitors are invited to tour the station, talk to hatchery personnel, participate in the clinics, listen to the speakers and hike the nature trails.

Hours for the open house are 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. However, visitors are always welcome at Berkshire National Fish Hatchery. Daily visitor hours are 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. For more information, call 528-4461.

ART EXHIBIT AT THE LIBRARY

The Monterey Library Trustees have invited six Monterey artists to exhibit their works at the library over the next year. Although our space permits only one or two pieces at a time, we hope that library visitors will get a taste of the diverse work that is being produced in our town.

Nick Monjardo will be our first featured artist. Nick was born in Brooklyn, New York. He has made his home in Monterey for sixteen years. Nick is primarily a painter. In his recent work he has used lacquers, as well as gold and silver leaf. Nick is also the owner of the Decorative Arts Studio in Housatonic, a company engaged primarily in the restoration of twentieth century French furniture and accessories. He lives in a house of his own design with his wife, Lydia, and his three sons; Taj, Massimo, and Carlo.

Any Monterey artist wishing to exhibit in this series is invited to contact the Trustees in writing.

MONTEREY LIBRARY NOTES

Are the kids bored? Do they complain that there's nothing to do? Don't despair, parents, because there is something for children of all ages at the Monterey Library this summer. A series of five exciting events will help break up that long summer vacation.

Starting on Saturday, June 22, at 10:00 a.m. Monterey storyteller Nicky Hearon will kick off the series by spinning magical tales to delight the imagination. An actress, director and playwright, Nicky has been telling stories for a number of years and is also involved in children's theater productions with her husband, Jason Brown.

On Saturday, July 6, at 10:00 a.m., a mini film festival will take place, featuring animated versions of classics in children's literature.

A trip to Alford to see bird rehabilitator Julie Collier and her feathered friends is planned for Thursday, July 11, at 1:30 p.m. Ms. Collier cares for injured birds of prey, releasing them back to the wild if possible or adopting them if their injuries are severe enough to prevent independence. Her presentation will feature hawks, falcons and eagles. Parent volunteers for carpooling will be necessary for this event.

Another film festival will take place on Saturday, August 3, at 10:00 a.m. at the library. The season finale will be on Saturday, August 24, at 10:00 a.m. with an encore by storyteller Nicky Hearon, an ice cream party and awards and prizes for reading program participants. Children are invited to attend any or all the events, all of which are free of charge.

Registration for the summer reading program will start on June 22, but children may begin the program at any time by asking for a reading log at the library. Completed logs can be turned in for prize throughout the summer, and children may turn in any number of logs. There are different criteria for pre-readers, beginning readers and established readers so children of any age can participate. Don't forget to make reading and the library a part of your child's summer.

The annual Book and Bake Sale will take place on July 27. It is the library's big fundraising event of the year and donations of books and baked goods are needed. Please contact the library if you can help.

— Laurie Sha

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BEARTOWN STATE FOREST

Greetings, once again, from the northwest corner. With the summer season fast approaching I felt that it was time to let the folks of Monterey (and other Monterey News readers) know what they can expect for services at the local State Forest.

This subject has been a difficult one for me to address for many reasons, one of which is the ever-changing, ever-worsening financial condition of the Commonwealth. The information that I present here is the best available to me as of mid-May.

The Division of Forests and Parks has decided to attempt to fully staff three facilities in Berkshire County: Tolland, October Mountain and Savoy Mountain State Forests. If the staffing plans are successfully implemented these facilities will provide their normal recreational services.

At Beartown and Sandisfield State Forests (Benedict Pond and York Lake, respectively), there will be no lifeguards before the start of the next fiscal year, which begins July 1. All hiring plans beyond that date are still very tentative. Although we are not going to turn people away, we strongly encourage swimmers to go to supervised beaches. There will be no parking fees associated with those day use areas until they are staffed with lifeguards.

Accordingly, the restroom at York Lake will remain closed pending staffing, while the one at Benedict Pond will remain open.

Camping is still available at Benedict Pond to the extent that it has been in the past. Although there will be less staff coverage of that area, we will still try to provide drinking water and restrooms.

There are still many variables that could affect the picture that I have just presented. I feel that the most important aspect of what we do are those services that we provide to our visitors and, at this time, we can only hope that we will be able to continue to provide them. Please bear with us in our effort.

— Thomas O'Brien



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COMMUNITY DINNER NEWS

With the death of Milly Walsh, our town has lost not only a wonderful person but an energetic catalyst for many community events. One of our long-standing traditions is the Community Dinner. The small group attending the last gathering has decided to take the following action:

There will be *NO* Community Dinner in June, but we will gather on Wednesday, July 10, at 6:30. You are invited to bring some food to share, listen to a presentation by MaryKate Jordan ("The Astrological Significance of Monterey") and help us decide the future viability of this program.

If you want Community Dinners to continue we need your active participation.

— Cliff Aerie

FROM THE FAMILY OF MILLY WALSH

Dear Kind Friends,
We would like to share with you a wonderful poem. It is lovely and expresses a beautiful message.

Beyond the Rainbow's End

*Beyond the rainbow's farthest end, there lies
A land that's always filled with love and light
Where shadows never fall and dim the sky;
For in this lovely land there is no night.
In this celestial place of joy and peace,
There is no time or space, no doubt or fear.
For those who come to it, all troubles cease.
All worldly difficulties disappear.*

*And though the loss of loved ones or of friends
Brings sorrow and is hard for us to bear,
If we could see beyond the rainbow's end,
We know that we would find them waiting there.
In that celestial dwelling place above —
A land of peace and joy, of light and love.*

Reading this poem inspires such a feeling of peace for us, as does the memory of all the kind and loving expressions of sympathy we received after Mom's passing. It would be impossible for us to thank each of you personally. But know that we are so grateful to all of you for everything.

— The family of Milly Walsh

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THE BIDWELL HOUSE, A MONTEREY TREASURE

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These items, along with many others in the 1784 inventory of Rev. Adonijah Bidwell's estate, are an authentic voice speaking to us from the eighteenth century. They testify that this was a prosperous family accustomed to large-scale entertaining. The list was an invaluable guide in the loving restoration of Monterey's first manse by the late owners, David Brush and Jack Hargis. Following instructions in Hargis' will that the house be open to the public, the executors of the estate established The Bidwell House, Inc., a non-profit organization with a board of historically minded trustees and a resident Executive Director/Curator, Shirley Clute.

Now starting its second season, The Bidwell House has already received wide recognition. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and was the subject of a lengthy, heavily illustrated article in the August,

1989, issue of *Antiques*. In addition, an article in the *New York Times*, July, 1990, featured Berkshire County and mentioned The Bidwell House. Two results of this publicity have been calls from as far away as California from prospective visitors, and the beginning of a harvest of Bidwell family treasures coming home to the manse.

Last September the first portrait of a member of the early Bidwell family, Mary Gray Bidwell, was presented to the trustees. Mary Gray Bidwell was the wife of Barnabas, the Rev. Adonijah's second son. She lived in Stockbridge and Washington, D.C., and undoubtedly was a frequent visitor at the manse. Her life-sized portrait shows a composed, pleasant-featured lady with a rosy complexion, wearing a white lace trimmed cap. The painting is attributed to John Brewster, then a member of the State Senate, later a legislator in Washington, and then Massachusetts Attorney General. It was Adonijah, Jr., who inherited the farm to operate "as he saw fit".

The manse is unusual among historical house sites in that its original 190 acres have been preserved and the neighboring land is even less developed than it was in 1750. The visitor can see the elegant house in a setting more forested than when it was an active farm near what was then the center of town. A few hundred yards from





the manse, a stone monument in the woods, erected by the Tyringham Historical Society, marks the site of the original Meeting House. It is hard to imagine that this quiet place was once the focal point of Township No. 1 of Berkshire County.

Shirley Clute, the Executive Director/Curator of The Bidwell House, has been interested in early Americana since childhood, when she took special pleasure in visiting the period rooms in the Minneapolis Art Institute. This appeal grew over the years and led to a major in American studies at the University of Minnesota with a special focus on the decorative arts, architecture and art history. The period she was interested in above all was the eighteenth century, so much of her research focused on New England. When Shirley spotted an ad for the position at The Bidwell House in one of the professional journals, it seemed made to order for her and she applied.

"My interest is especially in the period from 1750 to 1840 when the house was occupied by three generations of Bidwells. I see this trust as an opportunity for all of us to be good stewards of a three-dimensional bit of Berkshire history. It is really a treasure and I have a great sense of all kinds of possibilities and discoveries opening up."

The life blood of any historical heritage is the interest of the public, especially the local public. Shirley is eager to enlarge the enthusiastic volunteer group which has already done much to inform the public about this valuable link with Monterey's historical past. The possibilities are almost infinite. Adonijah Bidwell had three wives and so, right at the beginning of the story, there are connections with three influential Colonial families. But the family history is only the framework for all kinds of

other study. Adonijah and his descendants participated in the founding of our nation. He must, for example, have known well his colleague Jonathan Edwards, the second missionary to the Stockbridge Indians and an internationally renowned theologian. But clues to their relationship are still waiting to be found.

As tour guides, volunteers can disseminate to the public what we already do know about the Bidwell family and Monterey's history. As docents they can do research in everything from the gardens and the natural history of the wooded acres to the invaluable collections of antiques already assembled in the manse. There is a rumor of a family diary still to be found; there are Adonijah's sermons in his own shorthand code, still to be deciphered. What impact did the Bidwells, and Monterey, have on the Revolution, the political growth of the country, the development of agriculture and local industry? Anyone who would like to pursue any of these fascinating leads is invited to get in touch with Shirley Clute at 528-6888.

The current season at The Bidwell House began on May 25 and will run through October 13. Hours are 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Tuesdays through Sundays, including holidays. Admission is \$4.00 for adults, \$3.00 for seniors and students, and \$2.00 for children.

—David P. McAllester



MY LIFE AMONG THE CHICKENS



A lot of people, when they hear or read the word “chicken”, start to laugh, or at least smirk. I think I can explain this. First, we all know some pretty silly jokes about chickens and none of these jokes would be as good if we were to change the protagonist from a chicken to, say, a pony. “Why did the pony cross the road?” It just doesn’t have the same tickle. Then there is one’s image of the chicken as having a small brain, being a dope, acting silly. No matter what self-doubts one harbors as a person, one can indulge confidently in feelings of intellectual superiority over chickens. We perceive the chicken as being a timid creature. We even go so far as to single out members of our own species whom we feel to be less courageous than ourselves and label them “chicken.”

We kill and eat chickens. Well—some of us kill them, some of us eat them, some kill *and* eat them and some actually do not do either. There are all kinds of people. But even those who have no truck with chickens whatsoever are familiar with the simile: “. . . like a chicken with its head cut off.” This refers to the image of the recently beheaded chicken dashing about the farmyard, presumably with little direction, bumping into trees. So we say, “John has so much going on this week, he’s running around like a chicken with its head cut off.” (Ho, ho!) Try this with “pony” and it just doesn’t work as well.

Chickens are a clear case of familiarity’s having bred contempt. Even people who have never seen a real live chicken first-hand think they are pretty cozy with chickens, having probably eaten quite a few, or at least eaten eggs, or at the *very* least told some chicken jokes. People joke readily about small creatures such as chickens or worms or mice. It’s that old easy superiority we feel. Once again we see it doesn’t work so well with the larger animals: “That John has no courage at all. He’s such a pony-hearted guy!” Or, similarly, “Stand up, John! Are you a man or a pony?”

Now back to chickens and even to eggs. Something drove me, at a fairly early age, to take up a life with chickens. The first ones I had were a couple of bantams named Pertelotte and Chanticleer, or Pert and Chanty. They won a few prizes at the local fair and Pert laid many small eggs. Chanty welcomed the dawn with a sort of truncated, tenor fanfare every morning and the neighbors were tolerant. Maybe they actually liked his bugling, or maybe they liked having chickens around to feel superior to. Maybe they liked them for the same reasons I did, which were that the chickens made me feel like I was living on a farm, and they were quite beautiful.

Now here, in my opinion, is where a lot of folks can get right off their high ponies on the subject of superiority-to-chickens. From the time it first hatches the chicken is beautiful. In fact, before it hatches, the egg is beautiful. Consider for a moment the shape of the egg. It is symmetrical, but not boringly so, like, for instance, a tennis ball or the moon. An egg also has texture, smooth yet porous. It feels good, it has weight. An egg has claims to fame, as it is the biggest single cell, and of course it holds much promise. It can make a fine meal, all by itself, or it can be introduced to cheese and herbs; it is what keeps a cake from being a mere pile of crumbs. Given a little proximity to a rooster and then three weeks of heat, an egg can become a chicken.

This brings up an age-old philosophical conundrum and I will tell you right now that for me it was definitely the chicken that came first. This is not true for everyone, of course, but we all have to hop on somewhere and for me it was with Pert and Chanty about thirty years ago. Since then I have been sensitive about the chicken jokes I’ve told, conscious that in the tail-feather department, for instance, chickens have it all over me. There is not one iridescent tail feather on my practically bald body, no glowing marmalade hackles, no brilliant comb and wattles. My toenails, as far as I can see, are practically useless, whereas even the week-old chickens currently living in my kitchen can scratch up a worm or a dustbath in no time.

The peepsters, as we call them, are down in the kitchen right now snoozing away. On warm days we put

them outdoors in their playpen and watch them. They dash madly around, then settle down for serious preening and dustbaths. Wave a hand over them and they go into their hawk alert. Watch them carefully and you'll see that they already know which of them is boss and there's no fighting. Study them seriously and you'll understand that chickens are perfect in every way: got just the right number of feathers (and beautiful ones, too), all the proper instincts and skills to get through each day. Doing better, in fact, than that poor guy John I've been mentioning.

So what are those jokes really about? Seems to me (and you can check with your psychologists on this, maybe Carl Jung), it's really just us all along. It's too close to home to say, "He was running around like a person with his head cut off," or, "John is the most person-hearted person I ever met." So we chose the chicken, who is maybe the most familiar (contemptible) animal that is not too person to take such abuse.

—Bonner J. McAllester

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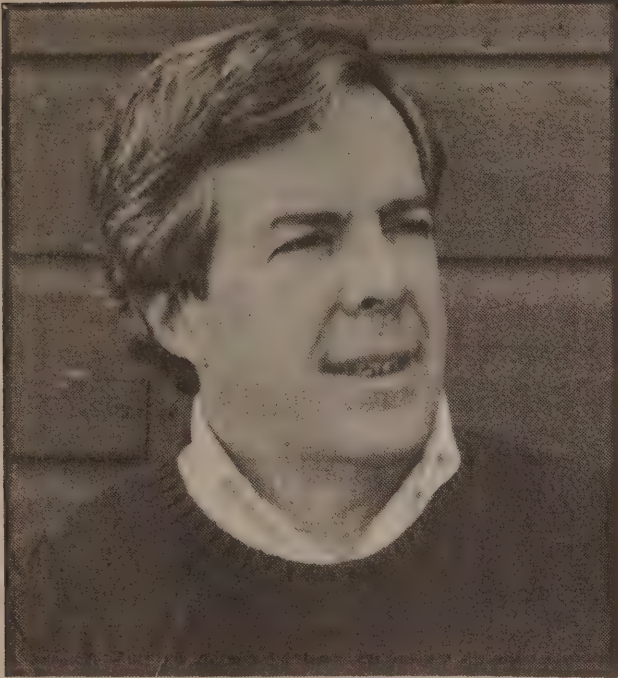
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WHO'S WHO IN MONTEREY

Larry E. Bienemann



Lawrence Bienemann, the new director of Gould Farm, was born in Pittsburgh and his schooling was in Pennsylvania, culminating in a B.S. (1964) in biology and psychology at Alliance College, and an M.A. (1977) in urban and regional planning at Penn State. Even before the M.A., he had two major jobs in community planning, one in the governor's office in South Carolina, and the next for the city of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Then, still before the M.A., in a marked shift in direction, he began a career in chemical dependency treatment programs.

"I helped write a grant for a drug treatment program and saw this field as an opportunity to help with a problem that is worldwide and that had affected people very close to me."

In 1972, he was assistant executive director in charge of Yoke Crest, Inc., which owned and managed an alternative to prison, an in-patient adolescent chemical dependency treatment program. He moved on to the Pennsylvania Governor's Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse, which administers all treatment services in this area for the Commonwealth. He then founded, in 1977 (the year of that M.A. in city planning), Health Institutes, Inc., a chemical dependency treatment division of Psychiatric Institutes of America. As vice-president for development, he hired and supervised senior staff, wrote development plans and implemented operations.

It is a fact that 'substance dependency' treatment is one of the fastest growing occupations in the United States. Large corporations have discovered that they receive a six-fold return for every dollar they invest in the treatment of their employees. There are also benefits that can't be measured, such as improvement in morale and the grateful loyalty of employees whose lives have literally been saved by such programs.

Larry was in the forefront of the development of companies formed to meet these needs. In 1980, he was one of the founders of the chemical dependency division of the Mediplex Group, and became vice-president of operations in 1982. Again he exercised his talent in fund raising, personnel, and the acquisition and operation of facilities, one of which was voted among the "Top 100" treatment programs in the country. Since then, Larry has been head of two other corporations in this field. Addiction Recovery Corporation has had three of its facilities in the "Top 100." Recovery Assistance, Inc., has devoted its services to unions and the transportation industry.

But life in the corporate world has its costs. It seemed to Larry that he was always in an airplane and that he was seeing far too little of his family. His new job at Gould Farm would seem to take care of these concerns. Sheila Bienemann, too, is looking forward to life in Monterey. Sheila, a physiology Ph.D. from the University of London, is a systems manager for an investment company and is also charmed with the idea of relaxing from the stresses of high finance. She also likes to weave and bake and make herself useful at home.

The Bienemanns have three children. Lars, 20, is a business major at Temple University. Daniel, 19, is at the University of Pennsylvania and Sarah, 18, will be a freshman next year at either Princeton or Stanford.

The Bienemanns are all looking forward to being together at Gould Farm this summer. One of the big family anticipations for next year is that Daniel will be spending his junior year at the University of Sussex. This will create an excellent excuse for everyone to visit England and Sheila's family.

Larry is a warm, outgoing man with a lively interest in anyone he is talking to. He has already found the opportunity for an hour's run, now and then, on the quiet back roads of Monterey, and he likes the idea of having time to pursue his interest in Eastern thought, especially classical Taoism. He says that what attracted him to Gould Farm is that it is unique in all his experiences in its philosophy, the quality of the care it provides, and the extraordinarily low cost of even the maximum fee on its sliding scale.

"We would like to continue to be a good neighbor to the town of Monterey; we want to hear from anyone who

has ideas about what they can do for us and what we can do for them. We benefit greatly by being part of this community and we want to give what we can in return."

—David P. McAllester



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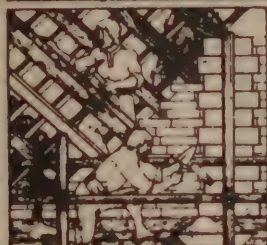
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I read with great interest in the *Eagle* of May 10 that New Hampshire Governor Judd Gregg is backing off from his call for the ouster of Keene State College President, Judith Sturnick, over a prayer change, saying he might have spoken too harshly when he called for her firing.

"I guess in retrospect that might have been too much," said the Governor in an interview with WMUR-TV in Manchester. He called it, "Hyperbole."

It most certainly takes courage and a sense of human decency on the part of an elected official to admit an error of judgment.

This incident brings to mind Monterey's episode concerning former Police Chief Douglas Lyman, who, after twenty years of excellent service to the community, was dismissed by our Selectmen for having had his son, when on police duty, in his private car, which is registered and insured in both names. That action was apparently against the Board's order.

Thereupon a bipartisan group, consisting of Kenneth and Gail Heath, Hans Kessler, Nicolas Wool, Cynthia and Lenny Weber, John Ryder, Lucie and Fred Lancome, got together in order to organize a petition drive to urge the Selectmen to change their excessive action. The group felt that the dismissal ought to be changed to a disciplinary action commensurate with an infraction which is not a crime, and which has done no harm or damage to anyone. We suggested a period of probation would be a more fitting disciplinary measure under the circumstances.

It is noteworthy that all 185 signers of the petition were motivated by their desire to preserve an old tradition in Monterey: to conduct ourselves toward each other in a humane manner and that common sense ought to prevail.

Should the Selectmen, in contrast to Governor Gregg, find themselves infallible, they will be unable to serve this community well, no matter in which capacity.

—Fred Lancome

To the Editor:

Your *Monterey News* has brought so much pleasure to Ruth Rochon through the years. She would look forward to every issue. On March 1, 1991, Ruth went to be with the Lord.

I have known Ruth and Val for quite a few years and since I was originally from Springfield, Massachusetts, we had lots of joy sharing our Massachusetts memories.

Ruth's husband, Val, is 99 years old and will be celebrating his 100th birthday October 12, 1991. He is mentally alert and doing very well. Ruth, age 95, did all her own housework until December 6. She was truly an inspiration.

I thought this information might be of interest to families still living in your area who would remember Ruth Johnson Rochon.

—Hope Harder Covault

(We also received a note about Ruth Rochon from Jerry Seitz, another long-time family friend. —Ed.)

To the Editor:

This note is written to update your comments in the April edition of the *Monterey News*.

It was correctly stated that the Planning Board approved our special permit to construct a cellar hatchway on our property. Unfortunately, the Board of Appeals, at a hearing on March 22, denied us our special permit to proceed with this matter on the grounds that "the non-conforming structure is located within setback, and the proposed bulkhead would further encroach on the setback," which was the reason we appealed to the Board in the first place.

We would appreciate an update of this very unreasonable ruling in your next edition of the *Monterey News*.

—Herb Heimann

To the Editor:

I enjoy your articles by Wallace Tryon. Haven't seen one in a long while. Also enjoy your dump problems and farm conservancy plans. Here in Grass Valley [California], our lovely rural area is being sold out and built upon at an alarming rate. Our Board of Supervisors has made a sham of the dump problem. I enclose an article from our newspaper of April 19, 1991.

—Eleanor Gardoli

(The writer enclosed an editorial about how the employment of expensive but incompetent and/or dishonest consultants for solid waste management had cost the county millions of dollars. —Ed.)

PAUL UKENA

Paul Ukena, 69, of Mount Vernon, New York, and Lake Buel, Monterey, died March 10.

He studied voice at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, and earned a master's degree from the Julliard School in New York, where he later taught.

Mr. Ukena was a leading character baritone with the New York City Opera from 1958 to 1979. He was a soloist with several major ensembles, including the Robert Shaw Chorale, the New York Philharmonic and the Cleveland Orchestra, and appeared in music theater productions both on and off Broadway and in regional theaters.

Mr. Ukena was a professor of music at Sarah Lawrence College from 1961-1989.

He leaves his wife, Meta Peveto Ukena, of Mount Vernon, New York and Monterey; two sons, Paul Ukena, Jr., of New York City, and Jeremy Ukena, of Utica, New York; three daughters, Katha Chamberlain, of LeSueur, Minnesota, Elizabeth Catino, of Lebanon, New Jersey, and Amy Edney, of Oakland, California; and seven grandchildren.

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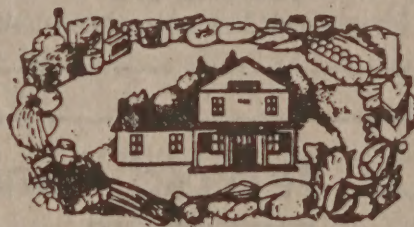
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PERSONAL NOTES

Hearty congratulations to **Micole** and **Oriana Raab**, who recently placed sixth in the National French Contest, Grand Concours Division, for their respective levels. The sisters were honored at Berkshire Country Day School in Lenox, which they attend, and at Williston Northampton School on May 14, for their achievement. Micole, a ninth grader, and Oriana, a seventh grader, are the daughters of **Jerrold** and **Giuliana Raab** of Main Road. Very impressive — hats off to both of you!

And, congratulations to **Natasha Grotz** (yes, her again!), who received both the Most Valuable Skier and the Club Champion awards at the Waterville Valley BBTS ski club's year-end banquet in New Hampshire. Natasha's name will be added to two plaques which are on permanent display at the mountain. She ended her season in good standing, earning starts in the International Nor-Ams and the Canadian race series after her fine performance at the Nationals. Good job, Tasha!

Welcome back to Monterey to summer residents of Lake Garfield, **William** and **Jeanne Zad**. After a delightful winter at their Vero Beach, Florida, home, the Zads visited children and grandchildren in New Jersey and Long Island on their way back to Monterey. Grandson **Sean Dugan** came up to spend Memorial Day weekend.

TRIVIA QUIZ: Lowland Farm's (aka Tryon's farm) old milk bottles said what? "YOU CAN WHIP OUR CREAM BUT YOU CAN'T BEAT OUR MILK." Don't you love it?

Very Happy Birthday wishes to **John Higgins** on June 16, to **Sandy Gottlieb** on June 18, to **Pam Gauthier** and **Christopher Blair** on June 19, and to **Colm Higgins** and **Eileen Clawson** on June 28. And, very Happy Anniversary to **Lew** and **Joyce Scheffey**, who had a wonderful celebration on May 11, and to **Sandy** and **Rita Gottlieb** on June 21.

Please, readers, don't be shy! Submit a little news about yourself or your family. Jot down your items, birthdays, whatever tidbits you'd like to share, and drop them in the mail to me, Route 23. Or give me a call at 528-4519. Your contributions are appreciated!

— Stephanie Grotz

Discover Your Berkshires 1991

June 8 - June 15

For all who live or work in Berkshire county, just show proof (eg. Business card or driver's license) and receive FREE admissions to Museums and Historic Sites, Two for One Tickets to Performances and Events.

8 Opening Day Discoveries

(Pick up two for one tickets to the Mac-Haydn, Theatre Barn, Berkshire Opera, the Alpine Slide and more at the following locations.)

Albert Schweitzer Center. 10AM - 4PM.

Berkshire Scenic Railway Museum.
10AM - 3PM.

Berkshire Theatre Festival. 1 - 5PM. Tours.

9 Movers and Shakers

Hancock Shaker Village. 9:30AM - 5PM.

Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival. 11AM - 5PM.
Tours.

Jiminy Peak Alpine Slide. 9AM - 9PM.

(Two for One, Rain date June 16.)

Mt. Lebanon Shaker Village. 9:30AM - 5PM.

10 Tanglewood Tales

Tours of Tanglewood Grounds. 10AM.

11 Off 183 and 23 There's Lots to See

Berkshire Botanical Garden. 10AM - 5PM.

The Bidwell House. 11AM - 4PM.

Chesterwood. 10AM - 5PM.

Music Theatre Group. 11AM - 2PM. Tours.

12 Celebrate One Hundred Years of the Trustees of Reservations.

Bartholomew's Cobble. 9AM - 5PM.

Colonel Ashley House. 1 - 3PM.

The Mission House. 11AM - 3:30PM.

Monument Mountain Reservation. *

Naumkeag. 11AM - 3:30PM.

Tyringham Cobble. *

William Cullen Bryant Homestead. 12 - 4PM.

13 North County Treasures

Sterling and Francine Clart Art Institute. *

10AM - 5PM.

Western Gateway Heritage State Park. *

10AM - 5PM.

Williams College Museum of Art. *

10AM - 5PM.

Williamstown Theatre Festival. 11AM - 2PM.

Tours.

14 American Artists and Writers

Arrowhead. 10AM - 5PM.

Berkshire Artisans. * 11AM - 4PM.

Berkshire Museum. 10AM - 5PM.

Edith Wharton Restoration. 10AM - 5PM.

Norman Rockwell Museum. 10AM - 5PM.

15 Party Day!

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Great Barrington, Summerfest. 6 - 10PM.

North Adams, La Festa. 11AM

Pittsfield, Centennial Celebrations

* Free all year.

CALENDAR

Sunday, June 2—Piano recital given by students of Katherine Reis 3:30 p.m. at the church. The public is invited. For more information, call 528-4091.

Tuesday, June 4—Prayer Breakfast at Alice Howell's home, 7:00 a.m.

Tuesday, June 4-Friday, June 7—10th Annual New England Resource Recovery Association Conference and Exposition, "Integrating the Options of the '90s," in Springfield. For more information call the Center for Ecological Technology (CET) at 445-4556.

Friday, June 7—Square and Contra Dance, New England-style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:30-11:30 p.m. This program is open to anyone. Beginners and children welcome. All dances taught by caller Joe Baker, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Adults, \$4; children, \$1 to dance until intermission. Information: (413) 528-9385.

Sunday, June 9—Open House at the Berkshire National Fish Hatchery, Hatchery Road, Harts-ville, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. For more information, see Open House at the Fish Hatchery elsewhere in this issue.

Thursday, June 13—Friends of Silence Meditation at Alice Howell's home, 7:30 a.m.

Friday, June 14—Historical Society meeting, 8:00 p.m. in the General Knox Museum at the Library. Susan LePrevost will speak on herbs. For more information, see Historical Society News elsewhere in this issue.

Saturday, June 15—Tag Sale at the Firehouse pavilion.

Saturday, June 22—Storytelling by Nicky Hearon, 10:00 a.m. at the Monterey Library.

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Saturday, June 29—Benefit Auction for the Monterey United Church of Christ, 1:00 p.m. at the Firehouse pavilion.

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